



PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/737,274
Filing Date	December 12, 2000
First Named Inventor	L. Michael Maritzen, et al.
Art Unit	3621
Examiner Name	Elisca, Pierre E.
Attorney Docket Number	SON5180.02A

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 5,545,139		08/13/1996	Kriesel	
		US- 5,809,212		09/15/1998	Shasha	
		US- 5,884,272		03/16/1999	Walker, et al.	
		US- 5,966,704		10/12/1999	Furegati, et al.	
		US- 6,047,268		04/04/2000	Bartoli, et al.	
		US- 6,088,731		07/11/2000	Kiraly, et al.	
		US- 6,148,241		11/14/2000	Ludtke, et al.	
		US- 6,356,905 B1		03/12/2002	Gershman, et al.	
		US- 6,556,976 B1		04/29/2003	Callen	
		US- 6,574,607 B1		06/03/2003	Carter, et al.	
		US- 6,578,014 B1		06/10/2003	Murcko, Jr.	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
Signature

Date
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that the foregoing:

Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (PTO Form 1449)

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on NOVEMBER 1, 2004
in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number
EV352302543US addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

YVONNE MOCK

(Type or print name of person mailing paper)



(Signature of person mailing paper)